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LIMDIS

FOR LTG MCAULIFFE FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI CO

SUBJ: AFFILIATION OF MILGRP COMMANDER

REF: UR 072120Z AUG 75

IN REPLY TO YOUR REQUEST IN REFTTEL, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY VERY STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE NEXT MILGRP COMMANDER IN COLOMBIA SHOULD BE ARMY. THE ARMY IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES, IN TERMS OF MISSION, SIZE, PERCENTAGE OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND IN THE PUBLIC EYE. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE GENERAL STAFF ARE CONTROLLED BY ARMY OFFICERS AND PROBABLY WILL BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME. MILGRP RAPPORT AND INFLUENCE WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE COMMANDANT OF THE ARMED FORCES WOULD, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BE ENHANCED BY AN ARMY AFFILIATION FOR THE MILGRP COMMANDER. AN ARMY COMMANDER WILL HAVE MORE IMMEDIATE ENTRE AND AN EASIER TIME IN ESTABLISHING INFLUENCE AND CONFIDENCE. IT IS MY READING OF EXPERIENCE AT THIS POST THAT THIS FACTOR HAS PROVED SOMETHING OF A HURDLE TO BE OVERCOME BY MILGRP COMMANDERS FROM SERVICES OTHER THAN THE ARMY.

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